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GSS votes on providing health waiver

A resolution was passed by GSS to allow graduate students to waive university health insurance | **Page 3**

Hate cannot be justified in any context

With last week's No H8 campaign and Obama's expansion of the hate crimes definition, faculty columnist Phil Schurrer reminds people everyone deserves to be treated with dignity | **Page 4**

Six bodies discovered in rapist's home

Police officials found six decomposed bodies, all victims of homicide, at the house of a convicted rapist | **Page 5**

Norsic able to kick in game

Matt Norsic, who has waited five years to start as a kicker, finally got the opportunity against Central Michigan last weekend | **Page 6**

Hockey win controversial

Though the CCHA acknowledged a 4-3 win for the Falcon hockey team, the NCAA viewed it as a 3-3 tie, since the Falcons' goal during the shoot-out violated regulation rules | **Page 6**

What would get you to vote?



KATELYN DEVOR
Freshman, Psychology

"Free food or T-shirts." | **Page 4**

BG Undead last stand ends in tie due to false starts by both teams

By Josh Whetherholt
Reporter

11:30: Zombies are swarming around Jerome Library looking for the remnants of human survivors on campus. Whispers of a boat waiting nearby are circulating the Human camp.

11:33: War cries from the Zombies roar across campus foretelling doom for any survivors. Screams of "For the Horde!" and "Kill everyone!" rattle the confidence of any biped with brain function still intact.

11:38: The Zombies leave their sanctuary and go on the hunt when they see the human

survivors let out of their hide-out.

11:45: A pack of zombies catches up to a small group of lost survivors near the campus cemetery. It's a bloodbath as Zombies rip people apart. No

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RYAN PIROG | THE BG NEWS

STRATEGY:
Four humans huddle together to talk strategy during the last stand.

A GUIDE TO YOUR CITY ELECTIONS

The candidates	What is the number one issue facing the city of Bowling Green? How do you hope to tackle that issue if elected to council?	Why should students vote for you?	Why are you running for City Council?
 MARK A. HOLLENBAUGH WARD 1	"Most [city council candidates] are going to say balancing the city budget and that is important," Hollenbaugh said. "But when you get to the east side of town the dynamics change a bit." What Hollenbaugh is referring to is the conflict between students and long-term residents in Ward 1. "When I talk to both of them [long-term residents and students] they wish there were more opportunities to mend bridges and make the city a better place to live," he said. Hollenbaugh said, if elected, he would hope to be able to be a conduit between the community organizations and the university organizations to allow them to work together on things they feel are important. He said he would advocate for more events for students and residents to participate in.	"I know what it is like to be an undergraduate student living away from your parents for the first time," Hollenbaugh said. Hollenbaugh said he is a student himself, as a teacher who needs to renew his teaching license every five years. "I get to spend time with college students and I understand the sort of things they are going through," he said.	"I am running because I have been a member of the community for almost 30 years and I think Bowling Green is a great place to live," Hollenbaugh said. "I want to get involved with helping the city be a great place for the future."
 JACOB REDFERN WARD 1	"[There] are two main problems," Redfern said. "The biggest of which is the divide between the University and the city." Redfern said what needs to happen between the two entities is a cooperative relationship, providing a mutually productive future for both. He hopes to combat this divide through his own personal actions by attending USG meetings, talking to students around campus and talking to residents to get both sides' opinions and goals. Redfern also feels the issue of off-campus housing for students needs to be addressed. He said houses are poorly maintained. Redfern hopes to address this issue with tax abatement on improvements made to properties. The tax wouldn't affect city taxes and it would, Redfern said, improve property taxes to surrounding houses.	"It is not everyday students get to get out and support another student," Redfern said. "I am not making any promises to exclusively listen to [student] views," Redfern said. Redfern said having a student on city council would help to keep the city in balance. "Every single action [by city council] has a direct impact on the student," he said.	"I decided to run for city council because I was encouraged to do so by community members. Redfern, who was appointed after Gordy Hemminger stepped down in August. Redfern said he wants to serve the voters of Bowling Green and to accomplish goals for the city."
 ROB EMMELHAINZ WARD 2	"That will be the economy crisis, balancing the budget and looking at ways to stimulate the economy of Bowling Green," Emmelhainz said. Emmelhainz said a lot of work has already been done to help to cut the costs, and the mayor and city administration has put forth proposals like the tax increase to help balance the budget. However, Emmelhainz said, if elected, he would ensure the changes that are necessary take place. "Also, looking at the budget for the future [is important]," he said. "It is looking at the work already done and ensuring that it is both completed and enacted, and to look for new ways to cut costs to the non-essential areas of the budget when possible so in the future we won't be dealing with budget crises."	"[Students] really need to be looking for a city council person representing their interests," Emmelhainz said. Emmelhainz said he hopes to allow safe and affordable housing to students while still maintaining a balanced budget and providing a safe, quiet neighborhood for all residents.	"I came to Bowling Green to attend BGSU," Emmelhainz, a political science major, said. "I feel running for city council is my best way to give back to the community." Emmelhainz said he knows how the system works through his major and he feels he can help to build a stronger Bowling Green community.
 JOHN ZANFARDINO WARD 2	"The economy," Zanfardino said. "There is a tax levy on the ballot and that is the reflection of how the economy is doing." Zanfardino said how to balance the 2010 budget and how to address the issue in the long term is the number one issue facing the city. He said the .08 percent tax levy proposed on the ballot will help the economic issues affecting the city, however, if the levy doesn't pass, the council will have to decide what service will need to be reduced.	Three years ago, Zanfardino said he established an East side neighborhood group, which tries to create more of a neighborhood feel between students and long-term residents. If elected, he hopes to continue this committee and his outreach to students. Zanfardino said he hopes to continue a trend of working with USG presidents, if re-elected.	"It is very engaging once you are involved," Zanfardino said. He said most of the issues discussed and addressed on city council are continuous. "The things you hope you do are certainly continuous...there are certain things I would still like to do," Zanfardino said.
 MICHAEL ASPACHER WARD 3	"Obviously it is finances," Aspacher said, creating the nation wide economy for Bowling Greens budget woes. Aspacher said the budgetary issues and fiscal policy are the most important issues the city faces in the short term and he believes the tax levy on the ballot is the best way for the city to balance its 2010 budget. "The tax levy will address the most pressing issue we have [in the short term] and allow the city to provide services that make Bowling Green a great place to live," he said. If the tax levy doesn't pass, Aspacher said he would like to find where there are opportunities for additional cuts in the budget. Aspacher said he thinks there are things the city could live without that they hadn't thought about before. "I think it is important to look at things," he said.	"I am very sympathetic to students and it is important for the city to understand what students bring to the city of Bowling Green and I think if I am elected I would be a sympathetic voice for the students because of my background," Aspacher said. Aspacher believes he has an understanding and appreciation of students and what they bring to the community.	"This is just another opportunity to contribute to the community," Aspacher said. "My mom and dad when I was growing up set a strong example of how important it is to become involved with the community."
 ROGER MAZZARELLA WARD 3	"The one right now is the addition to the income tax and I have said several times there is no good time to raise taxes. However, there are two important things everyone needs to know that a) it is for three years and it can only be renewed by a vote from the public and B) paying for things that make Bowling Green kind of unique," he said. Mazzarella said Bowling Green has been immune to the problems seen in Toledo and he believes the tax increase is "real bargain" for the city. I hope this will be enough to tide the city over till the economy turns around," he said. Mazzarella feels it if doesn't pass, hard decisions are going to have to be made and done so while he, if elected, is on city council.	"I know the problems these kids have. I have been in a lot of BG houses and I know the problems there," Mazzarella, former BG rugby coach and long-time Bowling Green resident, said. "On the other hand I have lived here...and I have lived in all four wards. I know what it is like to live in every section of the town."	"I really love this town and I had three chances to leave," Mazzarella said. "It has a great downtown, the people are fantastic." Mazzarella said he has the best interests of the city at heart and now that he is retired he feels it is time for him to give back to the community.
 ROBERT MCOMBER COUNCIL AT LARGE	"I don't think there is any question that the major issues are the financial ones. Making our budget balance in the next couple of years is the biggest issue," Mcomber said. "[We] have to monitor the situation closely and adapt to changing the conditions when those changes occur." Mcomber said he feels with his degree in finances and his experience on the school board he presents a valuable perspective on the financial issues facing the city. "I think I am the most qualified candidate [in regards to finances]," Mcomber said. "I have dealt with this before and I have expertise before and my information is helpful for the city."	"Students who took my classes, they would tell you I was a good person, better instructor and one of the best they have had," Mcomber said. Mcomber said he has dealt with students a lot and feels he understands them. Mcomber mentioned his work with Section O dealing with off-campus student housing.	"I have a sense of obligation to serve another term," he said. "I wouldn't want to leave the council in the lurch when they are under financial strain and stress." Mcomber said he feels with the current financial situation and with his financial knowledge and background his input is needed.
 WILLIAM HERALD COUNCIL AT LARGE	"[The] biggest issue for next year is the budget and related to that continuing efforts at economic development," Herald said. Herald said he hopes to address this issue by taking the administration's proposed budget as just a starting point for the council budget, which, he said, will take into account other options to reduce the budget, as well as citizen input.	Herald said he knows both the city government and the University. He said when he was on city council in the late 80s and early 90s he implemented a community improvement committee that is still addressing issues today. This committee, Herald said, has been a good vehicle for resident issues.	"The eight years I was on council I was able to help people and contribute to good government," Herald said. He said he wants to continue that contribution.
 JOEL KUHLMAN COUNCIL AT LARGE	"The economy," Kuhlman said. "It is causing budget shortfalls...and hurting the economy and the town." Kuhlman hopes to tackle these issues by planning for the worst case scenario rather than planning for the best. He said the income tax is temporary, but he said it is based on the premise that the economy will have a turnaround. Kuhlman said city council needs to have a plan for the worst case scenario and, if elected, he will ensure this plan is in place.	"I understand the students' thoughts about Bowling Green," Kuhlman said. "I have lived in town as a student." "I would advocate for students' rights, advocate for how to make their relationship between the city and the university better and more productive," he said.	Because I think that I have a...there are a lot of good people on council, but I think I provide a different perspective," Kuhlman said. Kuhlman said because he is a self-employed attorney who lives in Bowling Green he provides a perspective that the city council lacks.

4th Ward council candidate Mike Frost, who is running unopposed in the election, didn't respond as of press time yesterday.

Compiled by Ella Fowler, City Editor



MIKE BELL



KEITH WILKOWSKI

Toledo prepares for upcoming mayoral race

By Andy Ouriel
Senior Reporter

Toledo voters will decide tomorrow who they want to run the city: former Fire Chief Mike Bell or attorney Keith Wilkowski.

Whoever takes office will face the economic crisis that has hit Toledo — a manufacturing community — especially hard.

Their platforms include creating jobs, ensuring public safety and balancing a budget.

The next mayor will replace the embattled Carty Finkbeiner, who announced earlier this year he would not seek re-election. A group called Take Back Toledo has circulated petitions to oust him from office.

Residents who live in the Toledo city limits will be eligible to vote.

Mike Bell-Independent Political/Career Experience:

- 1980: Joined the Toledo Department of Fire and Rescue as a firefighter
- 1990-2007: Appointed Chief of Toledo Fire and Rescue Department
- 2007: Appointed Ohio State Fire Marshall by Gov. Ted Strickland

Platforms

1) Ensure public safety

-assuring ample manpower and equipment to permit police and fire forces to do their jobs

-assuring a fire and EMS response time goal of six minutes within Toledo city limits

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Keith Wilkowski-Democrat Political/Career Experience:

- 1983: Elected to the Toledo Board of Education, serving as president and vice president
- 1988: Elected as Lucas County Commissioner
- 1990: Became Toledo City Law Director
- 1994-97: Served as chair of the Lucas County Democratic Party
- 2005: Finished third in Toledo mayoral election.

Platforms:

1) Acquire regional support for the Wilkowski Economic Development Plan

-creating manufacturing jobs, green collar construction jobs, high-technology and knowledge-based jobs, transportation jobs and small business jobs

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BLOTTER

THURSDAY,
OCT. 29

1:28 A.M.

Andrew Jones, 26, of Miller Place, NY, was warned for open container of alcohol within the 200th block of N. Main St.

1:02 P.M.

Complainant reported unknown subject(s) threw a bike at the back window of his car causing approximately \$400 in damage, within the 300th block of E. Wooster St.

2:37 P.M.

Complainant reported unknown subject(s) damaged slats in his fence and threw stones at the sign causing approximately \$200 in damage within the 100th block of E. Oak St.

3:13 P.M.

Complainant reported unknown subject(s) were peddling door-to-door within the 1300th block of Kensington Boulevard.

11:20 P.M.

Subject on the corner of Merry and Summit Streets was warned for disorderly conduct public urination.

11:21 P.M.

Residents within the 700th block of E. Napoleon Road were warned for loud music.

11:47 P.M.

Sean Larson, 18, of Birmingham, Mich., was cited for littering in public property on the corners of E. Merry and N. Summit Street.

11:52 P.M.

Melanie Egbert, 18, of Beavercreek, Ohio, was cited for underage possession of alcohol on the corners of Summit and Merry Streets.

11:54 P.M.

Complainant reported unknown subject(s) threw an egg at him within the 700th block of Napoleon Road.

11:56 P.M.

Audrey Smith, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for prohibited acts use of another I.D. and underage under the influence at Sky Bar.

11:59 P.M.

Stephen Latkovic, 22, Justin Vance, 22, and Alex Wollschlegler, 22, all of Bowling Green, were cited for disorderly conduct nuisance party within

the 200th block of E. Merry St.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

12:03 A.M.

Shaun Schmitt, 21, of Macedonia, Ohio, was warned for criminal trespass within the 300th block of Ridge St.

12:21 A.M.

Kyle Konczos, 22, of Bowling Green, was cited for open container of alcohol on the corners of Reed and Prospect Streets.

1:24 A.M.

Thomas Creter, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct urinating within the 100th block of N. Main St.

1:43 A.M.

Stephen McLaughlin, 24, of Bowling Green, was warned for loud music within the 500th block of E. Reed St.

3:47 A.M.

Alex Wollschlegler, 22, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct loud music within the 200th block of E. Merry Avenue.

9:28 A.M.

Michael Daniels, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for domestic violence and disrupting public service within the 200th block of Manville Avenue.

10:13 P.M.

Jason Clark, 29, of Milton Center, Ohio, was arrested for disorderly conduct and criminal trespass within the 100th block of E. Wooster.

SATURDAY,
OCT. 31

12:17 A.M.

Complainant reported several subject(s) were fighting in her apartment within the 800th block of Seventh St.

12:33 A.M.

Residents within the 200th block of S. Mercer St. were warned for disorderly conduct loud music.

12:59 A.M.

Tyler Kessler, 20, of Logan, Ohio, was arrested for underage under the influence at Uptown/Downtown.

1:18 A.M.

Resident was warned for criminal trespass within the 100th block of N. Main St.

1:50 A.M.

Amos Olwendo, 28, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal trespass at Uptown/Downtown.

2:05 A.M.

Resident was warned for impersonating a police officer within the 100th block of N. Main St.

2:19 A.M.

Chelsi Volpe, 19, of Huron, Ohio and Kristin Weaver, 22, of Bowling Green, was cited for nuisance party within the 2000th block of E. Napoleon Road.

3:02 A.M.

Resident was warned for criminal mischief within the 200th block of E. Wooster St.

10:08 A.M.

Rachel Moore, 20, of Bowling Green was arrested for domestic violence and underage under the influence of alcohol within the 800th block of Fifth St.

10:23 P.M.

Scott Saylor, 19, of Weston, Ohio, was cited for underage possession of alcohol within the 500th block of S. Wintergarden.

11:39 P.M.

Complainant reported unknown subject struck him with a beer bottle on the corners of Frazee Avenue and N. Enterprise St.

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

12:07 A.M.

Saul Maldonado, 21, of Defiance, Ohio, was cited for obstructing official business within the 100th block of N. Summit St.

12:17 A.M.

Myshawn Walls, 23, of Toledo, was arrested for prohibited acts, drug abuse and possession of drug paraphernalia at Uptown/Downtown.

12:37 A.M.

David Snyder, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for open container of alcohol and underage possession of alcohol within the 100th block of N. Church St.

12:58 A.M.

Jason Holmes, 27, of Napoleon, Ohio, was cited for theft when he didn't pay his 204.75 bar tab at Uptown/

Downtown.

1:10 A.M.

Lawrence Lu, 20, of Bowling Green, was arrested from criminal trespass, assault and underage under the influence within the 100th block of E. Wooster.

1:18 A.M.

Halsey Bergoine, 19, and Katelyn Twarek, 19, both of Bowling Green, were cited for nuisance party violations within the 1400th block of E. Napoleon Road.

1:39 A.M.

Darin Bright, 24, of Louisville, Ky., was cited for disorderly conduct fighting at Uptown/Downtown.

1:46 A.M.

Benjamin Dunnivant, 19, of Delaware, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol and sexual impositions within the 100th block of N. Main St.

2:16 A.M.

David Gilbert, 26, of Wayne, Ohio, was cited for criminal damaging within the 100th block of Main St.

3:07 A.M.

Complainant reported he was assaulted by three males who stole his wallet on the corners of Clough St. and S. Mercer Road.

3:08 A.M.

Complainant reported her purse was snatched on the corners of Clough Street and S. College Drive.

ONLINE: Go to bgviews.com for the complete blotter list.

BELL

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-increasing the number of police officers on the street and protect critical investigation and crime prevention functions

2) Balance the city's budget

-eliminating "wastes" from the city's budget which include removing redundancy in services, providing and keeping service delivery and budgeting concise

-launching a "citizen's special investigation" task force to conduct a 90-day study of Toledo's finances and generate data needed to work out cost-cutting solutions to city government

-initiating a 100 percent transparency policy for customer service in city government

3) Create jobs through developing regional economy

-developing a "quick launch" plan to improve and cultivate northwest Ohio's relationship with Columbus

-establishing a plan to connect intermodal transportation resources to effectively utilize water, air, rail and highway modes

-increasing revenues without increasing taxes by cultivating business and government partnerships

4) Improve our schools

-requesting quarterly meetings with the board of education and superintendent to make Toledo Public Schools competitive

-establishing benchmarks for higher performance in classrooms

-advocating a joint City of Toledo-Toledo Public Schools program to identify and intercept "at risk" students

5) Stabilize our neighborhoods

-establishing a multi-departmental City Task Force that will review processes and protocols for neglected city properties and prosecuting their respective owners

-introducing the "Work for Toledo" program accepting up to 200 unemployed Toledo residents to volunteer on a variety of civic beautification in exchange for health care coverage

-establishing "Neighborhood Business Centers" where Toledo would work with

private/community development organizations to renovate and market existing structures.

6) Encouraging health and wellness

-forging a partnership with medical organizations and providers to create a comprehensive approach to promote healthy living

-working with all parks and recreation facilities, finding ways to ensure that they can continue operating under the current budget crisis

-promoting bringing in more farmers' markets and other regional businesses that are growing and producing healthy, fresh foods

7) Promote cultural diversity and city attractions

-kicking off a "Doors Open" program exposing opportunities for residents to connect with familiar places in new ways (as a tourist would)

-utilizing social networking and coordinating events through Web sites such as Facebook and blogs to create awareness of events

Source: Mayor's Official Web sites: "Mike Bell for Toledo" (<http://www.mikebellfortoledo.com/>)

WILKOWSKI

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-ensuring Toledo has low, competitive tax rates

-promoting Toledo businesses by innovating income tax credits for those who create patents in environmental and technological fields

2) Maintain public safety and ensure security for residents and businesses

-recalling Toledo police officers who were laid off last month

-expanding and supporting the Block Watch Program—a neighborhood watch community

-focusing on domestic violence prevention and intervention

3) Reforming city government

-creating a taxpayer's advocate to give citizens a direct say in matters and affairs they pay for

-using technology to identify and solve problems

4) Preserving and rebuilding neighborhoods

-charging city employees with the responsibility for damaged, vandalized and broken property

-seeking court orders directing the clean-up of blighted properties

5) Education

-establishing a "Toledo Promise" program to give high school students a chance to attend four years of college tuition free

-conducting regular meetings with all school leaders on neighborhood issues of common concern

Source: "Keith Wilkowski, Democrat for Mayor" (<http://keithwilkowski.com/>)

Did you know?
On January 16, 1950 the first Freddie Falcon, Bob Taylor, appeared at the BGSU-Ohio basketball game. The first female mascot, Frieda, appeared in 1980.

ELECT
William J. HERALD
for At-Large Council



Although the *BG News* is not endorsing any Bowling Green City Council candidates this year, the *BG News* did endorse candidates the last time that I ran for Council (for re-election as Fourth Ward Council Member—I'm currently running for an At-Large position).

I thought it might be interesting (or at least entertaining) to quote the endorsement that I received from the *BG News* way back on November 5, 1991:

Republican **Bill Herald** is without a doubt the city's best councilperson. He may be one of the best ever.

He regularly tours the 4th Ward, surveying his constituents' concerns, and always makes a point to bring up any questions he can't answer during council meetings. He may be the most organized councilperson as well.

And, when necessary, he can drop his 4th Ward loyalties to consider the needs of the entire city. ...

In short, Herald, a clear thinker, is the best councilperson anyone could expect, whether they live west or east of Main Street. ...

BG News, Tuesday, November 5, 1991, page 2.

There is more information about me on my Web site. I ask for your vote on Tuesday. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Bill

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In 1940, the senior graduating class buried a time capsule under a tree in the "old campus". It is to be opened in the year 2015, 75 years from the its burial date; however there is one small problem. No one seems to know which tree.

FRUGAL
FALCON\$

5 Reasons for Overspending

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2. Want to feel good NOW
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5. Addictive spending

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'NOOBIES' GRACE THE STAGE

Voice department presented 'Noobies': The Newcomer's Show on Friday in the Moore Musical Arts Center to showcase new talent in the department

Photos by Enoch Wu | The BG News

TOP RIGHT: Student Nicholas F. De La Torre woos the audience with the classical piece "Danza, danza, fanciulla gentile" as cast members Claire Agresta, Kerri Lester and Irene Penzvalto dance to his song in the background.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Students Nathan Kendrick, Cassandra Utt, Kirsten Crockett and other cast members comically delay the rest of the performance with a never-ending show opener. The performance showcased 16 freshman and transfer students from the College of Musical Arts and the Department of Theatre and Film.

BOTTOM LEFT: Student Kirsten Crockett and other cast members sing on the woes of being an alto without a melody in the piece "The Alto's Lament."

TOP LEFT: Student Grace Hirt performs the piece "Vilia," a song about a beautiful witch from the woods, as cast members Nathan Kendrick, Kirsten Crockett, Patrick Conklin and Irene Penzvalto fall enchanted to her song.



CAMPUS BRIEF

GSS passes health insurance waiver

On Friday, the Graduate Student Senate passed a resolution in support of a "hard waiver" option for all graduate students.

The "hard waiver" option would allow for all graduate students, including international students, to have a set requirement to meet in order to be able to opt out of the University's health insurance. Any student who exceeds or meets the minimum requirements would be able to waive the University's plan.

"Students applying for a 'hard-waiver' option should be evaluated equally regardless of national origin, and insurance plans that exceed or meet the minimum guidelines for the 'hard-waiver' exemption should be treated equally," the resolution said.

The resolution said all students, domestic and international, should have clearly defined requirements and easy access to deadlines.

Another resolution in opposition of a \$20 fee being added for shuttles was tabled until the next General Assembly in order to allow for further investigation.

UNDEAD

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one survives.

11:50: There is light at the end of the tunnel. Zombies, distracted by the cemetery feast, do not notice humans rushing past them as they close on the safety zone and see a boat waiting at the shore. It was more than a rumor. But from the south, a group of zombies roughly 60 strong, careens towards the hopeful survivors, planning on dashing their dreams and enjoying a meal.

12:00: Some were lost to the Zombies, but most made it to the shore and the boats. The zombie nightmare is finally over.

Amongst much hype and large crowds of spectators, BG Undead closed out their fall season with an unexpected result. The battle for humanity between brain-hungry zombies and humans ended in a tie.

Thursday night, BG Undead, one of the largest campus groups, boasting more than 500 members, held the 5th Last Stand battle simulation, bringing a close to this Fall's zombie-fest with 338 students partaking. The Last Stand is a simulation of a final effort by the humans to escape from the playground that is campus by making it to the Rec Center pond where a boat is waiting to take humans to zombie-free shores.

With the undead at Jerome Library and the humans starting in the Rodgers Quad, war cries from both sides drew many out of residence halls to watch the melee. At half past 11, members of both teams sprinted across campus, but it was for naught. Whistles were blown by moderators and the teams were called back. The bloodlust and survival instincts got the better of

"Both sides played hard ... It was kind of ruined from the start since both sides started early. But people play it to have fun. The idea is to have fun above all things."

Patrick Conrad | Vice President of BG Undead

everyone and the go ahead had not actually been given. Both sides pointed fingers as to who was in the wrong. Moderators of BG Undead were even lost in all of what happened.

"I have no idea what's going on," is the last thing I want to hear from a moderator," Zombie Pete Lockwood said.

The ensuing argument of who false-started first would eventually yield the result of a tie.

"Both sides played hard [Thursday]," Vice President of BG Undead Patrick Conrad said. "It was kind of ruined from the start since both sides started early. But people play it to have

fun. The idea is to have fun above all things."

While many were disappointed in the final verdict, most acknowledged its fairness.

"I think it's the only solution that could have happened without people getting mad," Zombie Kelsey Anderson said.

The game was put back on track and the zombies went on the hunt. Again. Despite common understandings of zombies, the BG Undead zombies formulated a game plan and went out in hunting parties to flush out nerf-powered pockets of human resistance. Brief skirmishes between zombie and

human occurred, but only to allow other groups of humans to slip through the zombie defense to safety.

While the false start took place fairly early, most players did not think it had made a difference until the end of the game.

"We fought through it, and we got [to the shore]," Human Senior Meagan Aliff said. "We didn't even realize anything was wrong."

While there was disappointment leaving the shores of the Student Recreational Center pond, Conrad had words of encouragement and challenge for everyone.

"If you would like to see how it would play out, come back in the spring," he said.

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"I have no idea what's going on," is the last thing I want to hear from a moderator."
— Pete Lockwood, Zombie, on the Humans vs. Zombies last stand [see story, pg. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What would get you to vote?



"A public speaking appearance by the people running."

ARIEL WHISENTON, Freshman, Pre-Law



"Send everybody something like an absentee ballot."

JARED JACOBS, Junior, TCOM



"Somebody bribing me."

MARK HAYNAL, Freshman, Biochemistry

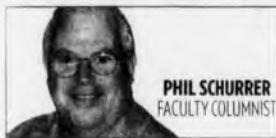


"Campus could do a program of education and awareness."

TRAVIS MONTGOMERY, Senior, TCOM

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'NO H8' campaign noble, but hate crime legislation debatable



PHIL SCHURRER, FACULTY COLUMNIST

Last week, President Obama signed a defense-spending bill into law. Buried within it was an amendment expanding the federal definition of hate crimes to include sexual orientation.

A week earlier, the BG News reported on the annual Coming Out Week, a program organized by Vision, the LGBT campus group. One of the events scheduled was a silent protest with participants putting duct tape on their mouths and writing "NO H8" on the side of their face.

Two features of a hate-crime statute are the existence of a penalty enhancement provision (a steeper penalty based on the crime's motivation) and a so-called "protected class."

In the 1993 decision *Wisconsin v. Mitchell*, Chief Justice Rhenquist perhaps best explained the rationale for the penalty enhancement provision by writing, "This conduct is thought to inflict greater individual and societal harm... bias-motivated crimes are more likely to provoke retaliatory crimes, inflict distinct emotional harms on their victims, and incite community unrest."

The whole notion of protected classes, perceived curtailment of free speech and cultural and religious opinions on homosexuality leaves many uneasy. Although the intentions of those backing this type of legislation are honorable, many find the deliberate carving out of exceptions and the placing of

groups of people in special categories, to be overreaching and undemocratic.

Many also find the apparent "in your face" tactics of some groups distasteful. Sex is one of the most beautiful, sacred and intimate things that two people can engage in. Many find it repugnant that sexual details or orientation should be discussed as freely and openly as last week's test or this Saturday's game. There should be room for privacy in our culture.

Perhaps we can agree on a few things. The silent protest involving the slogan "NO H8" was on target. Hatred and contempt of an individual or group is never justified. To the extent that any group can, fostering greater tolerance for others is a step in the right direction.

Actions often do have moral or ethical content. Most would agree that helping someone who has slipped and fallen is a "good" act; grabbing his or her wallet in the process of assisting him or her is a "bad" or evil act.

We make moral evaluations, and it's good that we do. There are times when a line needs to be drawn in the sand, where we state that a certain act is meritorious, another is neutral, and a third is evil. Our evaluations are based on our upbringing and sense of right or wrong. Being human, we're prone to make mistakes, so it's also important to continually educate ourselves and rethink our judgments in the light of new information and reflection.

For those opposing homosexuality, it should be remembered that those having this characteristic did not choose it any more than they chose their parents, decided to be left-handed, or have blue

eyes.

If one bases his or her animus on religious grounds, recall that God has created all humans in his image and likeness and that they are all precious in his sight.

Certainly, we can make moral evaluations of actions or behaviors, but not of the person performing the action. We must be very careful of not conflating the dignity of the individual with the moral evaluation of that individual's actions. This calls for subtle and careful thinking—something not particularly in vogue these days.

An analogy, however weak, might help. Some people are overweight due to overeating. This is a misuse of our species' instinct for self-preservation. In the same way, it could be argued that homosexual activity is a misuse of our species' instinct for propagation.

Regardless, no one should judge a homosexual person's guilt or innocence any more than that of the overweight person. We simply do not have the knowledge to make that kind of judgment. We can't look inside a person's head or heart and evaluate their decisions or motivations. To do so is the height of arrogance and hubris.

The best course of action is to treat others in a NO H8 way. Everyone is entitled to dignity and respect. Leave the judgment of a person's guilt or innocence to someone else—a higher power, if you will.

And remember: we all have our faults and failings. As the old saying goes, "those living in glass houses should not throw stones."

Respond to Phil at thenews@bgnews.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Keep Councilman Redfern in office

I would like to show my strong support for keeping Councilman Jacob Redfern serving the residents of the First Ward. I have known Councilman Redfern for a number of years and have worked with him on a variety of issues on campus.

I know him to be an incredibly hard-working and capable individual who always fights for what he believes is right. He is also a good listener who always takes the opinions of his constituents seriously when he votes. Redfern is also very

intelligent and always brings great ideas to the table. As both a student and a resident, Councilman Redfern provides a unique perspective in solving many of the problems faced by Bowling Green.

All students who are registered in the 1st Ward should be sure to vote for Jacob in the upcoming election. We are a crucial part of the city of Bowling Green and should have our concerns represented. City Council makes decisions that affect our everyday lives, especially regarding housing. We should have our voices heard.

Even if you are registered out of town or have moved and not

updated your registration, you are still allowed to vote here in Bowling Green. Go to the polling location assigned to your current residence and ask for a provisional ballot. You can find your current polling location by visiting <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/> or calling the Board of Elections at (419) 354-9120.

Councilman Jacob Redfern has done a fantastic job serving the residents of the 1st Ward in his time on Council. Please allow him to continue doing so by supporting him on November 3.

Thank you.

Andrew Fortlage is a senior double-majoring in Geography and Psychology. Respond to him at thenews@bgnews.com

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STAFF EDITORIAL | EDUCATION

Too many students lacking in common knowledge

Google the phrase "United States place the state game." Click the first link, the one with a picture of the U.S. It's a blank map of this country, and you have to maneuver states to their correct positions without the help of state borders and under the pressure of a timer.

Can you unite the states?
You should probably be able to.

There are some things people just need to know, and everyone who grew up in the U.S. should know at least roughly where the states are.

The lack of geographic knowledge by many Americans in the average University age group (18-24) is well-documented. A 2006 National Geographic study concluded that "37 percent of Americans can find Iraq on a map," and half of them can't point out the state of New York.

To be fair, and to avoid sounding like we are merely preaching from a high horse, some of our editors' scores were not up to par. But it is precisely the areas in which we know ourselves up to speed with some bare minimum of knowledge.

Placing all the states in their proper place seems like a good place to start.

Knowledge of geography might seem trivial to some people in an era of increasingly tight budgets and growing food and water scarcity. But it is essential knowledge—says National Geographic, "Without geography, our young people are unprepared for an increasingly global future."

And geography isn't the only arena in which what ought to be common knowledge is lacking. American scores in science and mathematics are also far behind many other countries, and

our knowledge and awareness of politics isn't stellar, either. As students, we should know some things about our society, our history.

Being able to name the first couple U.S. presidents or match certain ones with a general time period may seem like common knowledge to some, but whether the average student could name much else besides George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln is in doubt.


Other helpful general information includes knowing what wars are going on in the world (see our In Focus section on the topic online), who Barack Obama and Joe Biden are (U.S. president and vice president, duh) or where the country's legislature convenes (Washington, D.C.). The painfully obvious is even more painful when you realize there are people who don't know some of these things.

Recognizing a thing or two about our campus is also helpful, like where the Union and Jerome Library are located or how long it has been in existence (100-years-old in 2010). Everyone should have at least some familiarity with their Undergraduate Student Government officials—at least the names of the president, vice president and your college's senator.

In their haste to reach their goals in life, or as a result of being wrapped up in their own daily affairs, people sometimes forget they're part of a bigger picture.

We're all students here, and there's no real excuse to let basic knowledge pass us by. So let's set aside a little time to learn the basics and crack open the book of general wisdom.

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BG NEWS WIRE SOURCES

Coast Guard finds body of pilot of missing plane

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The Navy says it is not identifying a training pilot whose body was found after a plane disappeared off the Texas coast until a search for the other missing pilot is completed.

Coast Guard searchers found the body Friday of one pilot 11 miles northeast of Port Aransas.

Lt. Brett Dawson, spokesman for Chief of Naval Air Training, says the family of the man who was found has been notified. For privacy reasons, the Navy hasn't identified him.

The search continued Saturday for a second pilot who was aboard when the training plane went missing Wednesday.

The Navy had said earlier that 29-year-old Lt. John Joseph Houston, of Houston and 30-year-old Lt. Bret Travis Miller of East Troy, Wis., were on board the Navy T-34C Turbomentor training plane.

GOP ex-candidate endorses Democrat in NY race

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A day after Republican state Assemblywoman Dierdre Scozzafava abruptly suspended her campaign in the New York special election, she's endorsing the Democrat in the race — not the Conservative Party candidate favored by fellow Republicans.

Scozzafava said yesterday that Democrat Bill Owens is the best of the remaining candidates to build on the legacy of the previous holder of the 23rd Congressional District seat. Republican John McHugh has taken a position in the Obama administration.

A recent Siena College poll showed Scozzafava finishing a distant third behind Owens and conservative Doug Hoffman.

The special election is scheduled for tomorrow.

Seattle shooting leaves officer dead, trainee with injuries

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle police searched for clues yesterday in a shooting that killed a police officer and injured a trainee, marking the city's first officer killed in the line of duty since 2006.

Assistant Police Chief Jim Pugel said a male officer was training a female student officer in a marked patrol car Saturday night when their vehicle was suddenly struck several times by gunfire, shortly after 10 p.m.

Pugel said a light-color car pulled alongside the parked police cruiser and began shooting in the mostly residential Central District, east of downtown Seattle.

The male officer was struck and killed in the car. The student officer ducked, then returned fire, Pugel said.

"The officer was murdered," Pugel said.

The police withheld the names or ages of the two officers until family members could be notified.

The student officer suffered minor injuries.

The investigation continued through the night. Early yesterday, Pugel said officers did not have a suspect or a suspect vehicle.

A news conference was tentatively scheduled for yesterday afternoon.

In August 2006, rookie officer Joselito Barber was killed when a woman drove her sport utility vehicle through a red light and broadsided his patrol car.

Decision about Afghan troops to be made in a few weeks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is still weeks away from deciding whether to send more troops to Afghanistan, the White House said yesterday amid pressure from lawmakers to settle on a war strategy despite muddled politics and concerns of corruption in Kabul.

Top White House advisers said Obama's painstaking review, ongoing since early September, would not be hampered by yesterday's announcement from the top challenger in the Afghan presidential runoff election that he would withdraw from a race he was likely to lose.

"I expect the president will make a decision within weeks," senior Obama adviser David Axelrod said. "As you know, he has gone through a very rigorous process because the goal here is not just to make an arithmetic judgment about the number of troops, but to make sure that we have the right strategy."

Obama promotes NJ governor's bid for re-election

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — President Barack Obama is telling voters in New Jersey that challenging economic times are worrying parents who want to send their kids to college and plan for their own retirement.

Obama is campaigning on behalf of New Jersey's Democratic governor, Jon Corzine, who is in a tough bid for re-election. Corzine is tied in polls with his Republican opponent, Chris Christie.

At a rally in Camden yesterday, Obama blamed the economic downturn on trickle-down policies and tax regulation favored by Christie's Republican Party. The president praised Corzine for moving the state forward on education and economic issues.

Corzine draws criticism for his handling of state finances. The top issue for voters is the state's high property tax.

Ohio plans to make wildlife area new state forest

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A 15,000-acre swath of woodland teeming with bobcats, black bears, rattlesnakes and other wildlife will soon be protected from development as Ohio's first new state forest in more than a decade.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources said earlier this week the state has tapped mostly private and federal funding to secure a \$15.1 million purchase agreement for the Raccoon Ecological Management Area in southeast Ohio's Vinton County, home to the Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest.

The forest is one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the country and home to more than 50 years of woodland research, said DNR Director Sean Logan. The state's largest known population of bobcats lives there, as do bears, timber rattlesnakes and cerulean warblers.

"There is no other property like this in Ohio," said David Lytle, head of the DNR's forestry division. "This really is the crown jewel."

Six bodies found in rapist's home, deemed homicide

By Thomas J. Sheeran
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Six badly decomposed bodies found at the home of a convicted rapist facing a new rape allegation were females and all were homicide victims, the coroner's office said yesterday.

Powell Caesar, a spokesman for Cuyahoga County Coroner Frank Miller, said at least five of the victims apparently had been strangled. Decomposition made it difficult to determine how the sixth victim died, he said.

None of the victims has been

identified, Caesar said. Two victims were black, but race hadn't yet been determined in the other four bodies, he said.

Police found the first two bodies Thursday night when they went to the home of 50-year-old Anthony Sowell to arrest him on charges of rape and felonious assault, but he wasn't there. He was arrested Saturday when officers spotted him walking down the street of his east-side neighborhood.

On Friday, police found a third body and remains that were later confirmed to be three additional bodies. It wasn't determined how

long the bodies were at the house, but "they could have been there anywhere from weeks to months to years," Caesar said.

People who knew Sowell didn't think he had a job and said he often walked around his neighborhood looking for scrap metal to sell and asking for money. He spent 15 years in prison for choking and raping a 21-year-old woman who was lured to his bedroom in 1989, police said.

Online court records do not show an attorney for Sowell, and the jail staff said no information was available.

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Search for Calif. crash survivors now recovery

By Christopher Weber
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The search for nine people missing when a U.S. Coast Guard plane collided with a Marine Corps helicopter over the Pacific Ocean is now a recovery mission, officials said yesterday.

Petty Officer First Class Allison Conroy said there was little chance of finding survivors among the seven military personnel aboard the Coast Guard C-130 and the two in the Marine Corps AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter.

"We always hold out some hope, but at this point the Coast Guard has suspended the active search for survivors," Conroy said.

The two aircraft collided Thursday evening as the Coast Guard was searching for a missing boater. The Marine helicopter was flying in formation with another Cobra helicopter and two transports on a nighttime training exercise.

The Coast Guard has begun its investigation into the cause of the crash, Conroy said.

Kenneth Claiborne, the father of one of the missing crew members on the plane, said yesterday that his son, Marine 1st Lt. Thomas Claiborne, had been declared deceased. He declined to comment further and referred calls to a Marine spokesperson.

But the mother of Lt. Adam W. Bryant, 28, from Crewe, Va., who was a co-pilot on the Coast Guard plane, said she hadn't given up hope despite the Coast Guard's announcement.

"Miracles do happen," Nina Bryant said yesterday. "Miracles every day."

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SIDELINES



FOOTBALL Falcons fall behind in MAC East

Off over the weekend, the BG football team was pushed back in the MAC East standings after wins by Ohio and Kent State. If the Falcons are to win tomorrow, they will be 3-2 in the MAC, but still behind OU, KSU and Temple. If BG loses, chances of winning the MAC East will be all but lost.

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OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1991—Nevada makes the biggest comeback in NCAA football history, overcoming a 35-point deficit to beat Weber State 55-49.

1988—Mike Tyson erroneously reported dead by a Mexican radio station.

1969—New Orleans' Billy Kramer and St. Louis' Charlie Johnson each throw six touchdowns.

The List

The Falcon football team has a big game against Buffalo tomorrow. Today, we are sorting out the MAC East to see where BG stands:

1. Temple: The Owls are leading the MAC East with a 4-0 record. With a cupcake schedule remaining other than a showdown with Ohio, they have a good shot at wrapping up the division.

2. Ohio: The Bobcats are 4-1 in the conference, sustaining a loss to Kent State. A game against Northern Illinois may trip them up.

3. Kent State: The Flashes have been the surprise team of the conference, garnering a 4-1 record in conference so far, losing only to BG.

4. Bowling Green: The Falcons, at 2-2, are seemingly out of the race, barring a lot of unusual occurrences. They should do well for the remainder of their schedule though.

5. The rest: Buffalo, Miami, and Akron have combined for a 2-11 conference record and can only play spoiler at this point.

Former walk-on making most of kicking opportunity



ANDREA FEHL | THE BG NEWS

FIRST CHANCE: Falcon placekicker Matt Norsic (kicking) has been given his first chance to start this season as a senior.

By Sean Shapiro
Assistant Sports Editor

Matt Norsic has spent five years waiting for his chance to kick.

But all his waiting and patience paid off as he converted from 40 yards with no time remaining in the first half against Central Michigan last Saturday.

"It was kind of funny how they tried to use two of their timeouts to try and ice me," Norsic said. "It actually gave me more time to warm up and focus even more."

After sitting the bench for his first four seasons, it seemed Norsic would never get his chance when BG coach Dave

Matt Norsic

Has taken over the placekicking duties for the Falcons

Jerry Phillips

Remains active on kickoffs for the BG football team

Clawson named freshman Jerry Phillips the starter at the beginning of the season.

Phillips started the season on a strong note, winning Mid-American Conference Special Teams Player of the Week for his efforts against Missouri.

However, after Phillips opened his collegiate career a perfect 3-for-3 on field goals, he missed 31 and 35-yard field goal attempts against Marshall.

Phillips also missed a 29-yard field goal in BG's 49-14 loss to Boise State but bounced back, hitting all three attempts against Ohio one week later.

Norsic finally got his chance against Kent State, when Phillips was battling an injury. Clawson still went with the freshman, but after his first attempt was

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INELIGIBLE: BG freshman Jordan Samuels-Thomas scored the winning goal in Friday's shootout, but he was ineligible for it because he was in the penalty box at the end of overtime. The NCAA ruled the game a 3-3 tie.

Victory denied

Controversy surrounds first shootout

By Paul Barney
Reporter

The Falcon hockey team's first win didn't come without controversy.

With the game still tied at three after an overtime period, BG and Nebraska-Omaha went into a shootout in the first Central Collegiate Hockey Association game of the season for both teams Friday night.

The controversy was caused because of a scuffle with 16 seconds left in overtime. As a result, three BG players headed to the penalty box, including freshman Jordan Samuels-Thomas.

The Falcons won the ensuing shootout 1-0, with the only goal coming from Samuels-Thomas. But under NCAA rules, players who are serving a penalty at the end of overtime cannot be used in the shootout.

Because the officials didn't catch the error

until after the game was over, they couldn't take any course of action to correct the situation.

On Saturday, the CCHA awarded BG with the 4-3 shootout win, but the game is recognized by the NCAA as a 3-3 tie.

"After a review of the circumstances surrounding the completion of [Friday] night's game between Bowling Green and Nebraska-Omaha, it is clear that our officiating crew made an error in permitting a player who was serving a penalty when the overtime period concluded, to participate in the shootout," said CCHA Commissioner Tom Anastos in a written statement. "This error in rules enforcement during the course of the game, while unfortunate, can only be corrected during the course of the game. Once the game is concluded, there

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Falcon volleyball splits two weekend MAC games

By Chris Sojka
Reporter

The Falcon volleyball team played like two different teams this weekend.

After playing really well Friday and sweeping Buffalo 25-18, 25-19, 27-25, the Falcons were unable to keep their winning ways Saturday as they were swept 25-20, 25-19, 25-21 by Akron.

"We played really well on Friday night," said coach Denise Van De Walle. "We served Buffalo extremely tough and it threw off their offense. It was easy to play defense since they were out of system."

"But the momentum didn't carry over. We came out flat and that really never changed. We had the lead at times but we weren't able to sustain it. It was really disappointing."

After losing their first six Mid-American Conference games, the Falcons are now 3-2 in the last five MAC matches.

BG (10-17, 3-9 MAC) had no trouble in the first two sets against Buffalo. In the third set, however, Buffalo had a 24-21 lead. After a timeout, the Bulls got a kill to give them a 25-24 advantage.

A Noelle Spitler kill tied the game at 25, and then Corey Domek had a kill to end the



CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

HELPING HAND: Allison Kearney has 35 assists against Ball State.

game.

Spitler led the team with a career-high 12 kills, Shari Luther added 11 and Domek had eight.

Van De Walle was impressed with Spitler.

"It was great to see Noelle step up and play big," she said. "She had a career night."

Alex Zlabis had 19 digs in the match. Spitler had five blocks, while Emily Kauth added four.

The Zips came out strong on Saturday, hitting an impressive

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Falcon swimmers have strong individual efforts on weekend

By Ryan Satkowiak
Reporter

Despite going 0-2 on their weekend excursion to Eastern Michigan and Ball State, the BG swim team showed a lot of potential that has their coaches excited about the team's future.

The Falcons started off by taking on Eastern Michigan Friday night, losing 154-119.

In the 16 events — 14 of which the Falcons participated in since they do not have a dive team, as it was suspended last year — the Falcons had 18 top-three finishes, including three individual and two relay



Meg Richardson

Won four individual events this weekend

victories.

The BG A-team, consisting of Emily Bennet, Alexis Kain, Vicky Yu, and Meg Richardson took the top spot in the medley relay with a time of 1:47.33.

Those four continued finding success as Richardson won the 50-yard freestyle and

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Men's soccer falls to Northern Illinois in cancer awareness game

By John Lopez
Reporter

In a game that many players were calling the most important of the season, the Falcon men's soccer team (2-11-3) were beaten 3-0 at home by Northern Illinois in the team's annual cancer awareness game.

The loss severely hampers the Falcons' chances of playing in the Mid-American Conference Tournament in two weeks, needing now to win out and hope Western Michigan loses their remaining games.

The Huskies (10-6-1) got a brace from forward Juan Hoyos and a third from Luis Se La Cereda to sweep aside the Falcons and remain in second place in the MAC.

Although the score showed the Huskies' superiority, NIU goalkeeper Jordan Godsey was

"I'm not 100 percent sure we executed our game plan, basically they out-worked us and outplayed us. We didn't create enough chances, but we have two more games to play and we want to win them."

Thomas McLean | Junior

forced to make seven saves as the Falcons looked to get back into the game.

The Falcons welcomed leading scorer Cameron Hepple back into the lineup, hoping he and his strike partner Jacob Lawrence could find some much needed goals.

Hepple, who has been in and out of the starting 11 with a reoccurring groin injury, led the Falcons with four shots, with

only one on goal.

Unfortunately, as has been a theme all season, it was the Falcons' defense that let them down, with mental lapses leading to NIU goals.

"I'm not 100 percent sure we executed our game plan, basically they out-worked us and outplayed us," said junior cen-

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BACK IN ACTION: Leading scorer Cameron Hepple was back in the BG lineup against Northern Illinois.

BG falls short at MAC Championships

Men's team finishes last for second straight year

By Brad Frank
Reporter

Sometimes, it's just a matter of getting people to step up.

The BG men's cross country team just didn't get enough of that Saturday at the Mid-American Conference Championship meet.

BG placed last for the second consecutive season, and the team's average time was more than one minute higher than Akron, which finished one spot ahead of BG in eighth place.

"Certainly as a team we could have done much better, and individually we had a couple runners who stood out and had some decent races," said coach Cami Wells. "But overall, it certainly wasn't what we were looking for."

The team came into the meet with a goal of finishing better than last season, and despite a lot of marked improvement throughout the season, the team ultimately did not perform at the level it needed to improve its finish.

"They have to start to see themselves as a team that can compete out there," Wells said. "There's some very strong teams in the conference and certainly some very gifted runners, but we have some athletes on our team who can compete at that level."

Kent State won the meet with



Ben Leininger
Coach Cami Wells was pleased with his run

30 team points. Individual champion Aiman Scullion was one of four Golden Flashes to finish in the top 10.

BG hasn't recorded a top-five finish since its most recent team championship in 1995.

Chris Moody led BG with a time of 27:53, his best time of the season. Jason Salyer finished 56th after a slow start.

Jesse Smuda gave a strong effort with a time of 28:53, finishing 58th overall. Wells had high praises for Smuda.

"[Jesse Smuda] works extremely hard. I certainly respect that he puts forth that type of effort every time," Wells said.

Ben Leininger finished fourth for BG with a time of 29:27.

Wells commended his efforts Saturday despite the disappointing team performance. She told him that he needed to be a factor for the team, and he was, with a top five place on the team for just the second time this season.

The team has this weekend off before it is scheduled to compete at the Great Lakes Regional later this month.

Women disappointed with seventh place finish

By Brad Frank
Reporter

One race doesn't define a cross country team, and that is certainly the case for the BG women's team.

The women finished seventh out of 12 teams Saturday at the Mid-American Conference Championship meet, one spot ahead of where they were voted to finish in the preseason. However, the women wanted to place higher than last year's fifth-place finish and thought that a top three finish this season was definitely a possibility.

"We're a good team," said coach Cami Wells. "But certainly we could have performed better."

"We simply didn't get it done, and there were teams that stepped up and performed better," she said. "It certainly wasn't for a lack of desire."

Miami won the first-ever 6K championship event with 44 points, as its first seven runners all finished in the top 20. Toledo finished second, with its own Ari Fisher earning the individual title with a time of 22:18.

Leading BG for the second time this season, Abby Koch placed 26th out of 104 runners and was the third freshman to finish.

"Abby Koch ran a very nice race for us," Wells said. "It was certainly a solid effort for her. She did a really nice job for us."

"We simply didn't get it done, and there were teams that stepped up and performed better. It certainly wasn't for a lack of desire."

Cami Wells | Coach

Carly Wells finished 31st, and Heather Conger placed 42nd, coming off of an impressive third-place finish at the Falcon Invite in the final regular season meet. BG's next four runners all finished between 52nd and 67th place.

BG will look to regroup and continue to work toward finishing the season on a positive note.

The next meet is the Great Lakes regional meet, which is the qualifying race for the National Championships in late November.

"We want to have good, strong team effort," Wells said. "We want finish out this final meet and show they're a better team than [Saturday]."

The 6K regional meet will be held Nov. 14 at 12:15 p.m. in Bloomington, Ind.

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are no further actions that can take place to correct the situation."

Teams receive three points for a regulation or overtime win, two points for a shootout win and one point for a shootout loss.

"We worked hard and it's nice to get rewarded with two points," said first-year coach Dennis Williams. "We wanted three points, but this gives us confidence that we can play with [Nebraska-Omaha]."

Freshman goalie Andrew Hammond was tested early, with 13 of his 43 saves coming in the opening frame to take a scoreless game into the second period.

"[Hammond] was seeing the puck really well and smothering the rebounds," Williams said. "He was the best player on the ice."

The Mavericks snapped a scoreless game in the second, as Eric Olimb fired a shot at the blue line that went through Hammond's legs. Sophomore Bryan Potacco tied the game with his first career goal as he



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SCORELESS: After scoring several goals last weekend, Tommy Dee was held scoreless against Nebraska-Omaha.

was able to squeeze the puck by goalie John Faulkner.

Less than a minute later the Mavericks regained the lead and took a 2-1 advantage to the third period.

The Falcons started the third on a power play and capitalized as Tomas Petruska setup Samuels-Thomas for his first collegiate goal to tie the game.

BG took a 3-2 lead after another freshman, Nathan Pageau, took a pass from Petruska to score his first collegiate goal.

With just 51 seconds remaining and a six-on-five advantage, the Mavericks tied the game at three to send the game to over-

time, leading to the disputed shootout.

The Falcons' confidence took a plunge in the series finale as Saturday proved to be a lot less dramatic as the Mavericks left with a 3-1 victory.

Samuels-Thomas provided the lone goal for BG, and despite the loss, Williams was pleased with the team's effort.

"I thought we battled right to the end," he said. "I was really proud of their effort."

The Falcons (0-5-1, 0-1-1 CCHA) will continue their back-to-back road series Friday as they travel to Big Rapids, Mich., to take on Ferris State.

SWIM

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placed second in the 100-yard freestyle; Bennet placed second in the 200-yard freestyle; Kain placed second in the 100- and 200-yard breaststrokes; and Yu won the 100-yard butterfly, placed second in the 200-yard butterfly and placed third in the 200-yard individual medley.

Sarah Burston also won in the 200-yard individual medley and placed third in the 200-yard butterfly.

"You know, we really had great efforts out there today," said coach Keri Buff. "That's all I can ask of them, to go out there and give their best."

After the meet, the team headed to Ball State, where they lost 153-141 on Halloween.

It can be argued that not having a dive team cost the Falcons this meet, as assistant coach Mark Howard said they gave up 32 uncontested points because of this.

Regardless, it is something that the Falcons must deal with every meet, and they dealt with it well in this meet, as they improved on the previous day's

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Keri Buff | Coach



Sarah Burston
Won the 200-yard individual medley at EMU



Vicky Yu
Won the 100-yard butterfly at Eastern Michigan

numbers, posting 21 top-three finishes, with seven individual and two relay victories.

Pacing the Falcons were the youngsters, as freshmen accounted for eight of the team's top-three finishes.

Kain lead the charge, earning victories in both the 100- and 200-yard breaststrokes for the second time on the week-end, beating her competition by nearly two seconds in the 200. She was also a member of the relay teams that took first in the 400-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle.

Another Falcon who was once again victorious was Richardson, who dominated the 50- and 100-yard free-

styles with times of 24.12 and 52.52.

"I said before the year, I would be scared to face Meg Richardson," Buff said. "She has just become so confident."

An event that was not very friendly to the Falcons against Eastern was the 1000-yard freestyle, as they did not have a top-three finisher. However, Emily Waller and Megan Bomicino captured second and third in the event, with times of 10:43.13 and 10:43.60 against Ball State.

The Falcons hit the water once again this weekend, as they take on Ohio Friday and Miami Saturday at Cooper Pool.

NORSIC

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blocked and returned for a touchdown, Norsic got the call.

The former walk-on senior converted his first career field goal attempt, a 21-yarder, and also made good on all three extra points.

"Being my fifth year it's awesome. I'm finally able to be on the field," Norsic said. "It's just awesome to be with the teammates and the group of seniors I've sweat, bled and cried with."

Despite finally getting his chance, Norsic still had to watch from the sidelines against Ball State as Phillips went 1-for-2 converting on a 44-yarder.

Injuries continued to bother Phillips, and Norsic took advantage of the opportunity to out-kick the freshman and earn the start against Central Michigan.

"It's a fine line between the two of them, but Matt kicked it well last week," Clawson said.

While the position is open to competition every day at practice, it appears for the rest of the season BG will implore a two-kicker system with Phillips on kickoffs and Norsic on place-kicking.

Even though Phillips and Norsic are in competition, it's something that has helped both players improve their kicking, according to Norsic.

Clawson also believes the competition will help Phillips, who still has three more years of BG football remaining.

While Phillips may be the kicker for the future, Norsic is finally enjoying his chance to kick.

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BGSU

BG rugby's perfect season ended

By CJ Watson
Reporter

The match Saturday against Ohio State was one of the most physical matches that BG rugby club director Roger Mazzarella has seen in 42 years.

"It was played like a championship game [for the Eastern Division] should be played," Mazzarella explained. "[It was] hard, tough, very few penalties."

The Buckeyes came out on top as they defeated BG 43-19 giving the Falcon A-squad their first loss of the season.

According to Mazzarella, the loss has major implications, marking the Falcons first regular-season loss since 2006. They won't repeat as Midwest Eastern Division Champions for the first time since 2006, and this is the club's first loss to a Big Ten opponent since October of 2005.

The game started very slowly as both teams jockeyed for position, struggling to make any-

thing happen offensively for the first 30 minutes.

The Buckeyes were the first to score as they kicked a successful penalty kick to make it 3-0 in favor of the home team.

Dropped balls marred BG's attack once again, as they failed to score on three occasions. OSU took advantage of BG's mistakes as they picked up a dropped ball and carried it 75 yards for a try.

"The biggest thing was execution," said coach Tony Mazzarella. "Everything they seemed to do, they seemed to execute and do anything they wanted to do. We kind of failed in that regard. We had plenty of examples to put the game on our side early in the first half and we were unable to."

Ohio State capped off the first half with a last-second score and went in to the break leading 15-0.

The Buckeyes picked up where they left off as the second half began, scoring an early try and conversion, stretching their lead

to 22-0.

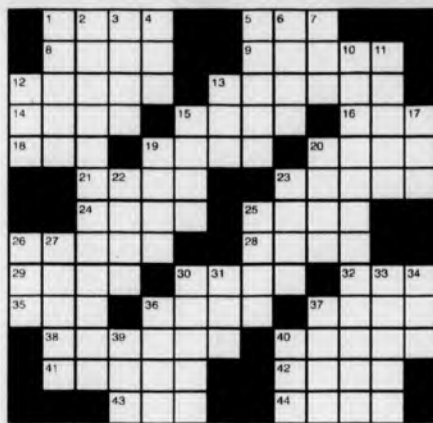
Rocco Mauer led the BG rally as he busted through a massive hole, scoring a try from 75 yards. Mauer scored again as he rushed around the corner narrowing OSU's lead to 22-12.

The Buckeyes replied with a try of their own to stop BG's momentum. Center Alex Hughes responded to Ohio State's try as he plunged his way through defenders going 10 yards for a try to make the score 29-19. The Buckeyes would finish the game scoring two more tries before the final whistle handing BG their first loss of the season.

"Our kicking was very poor," said Tony Mazzarella. "Nick [Viviani] didn't have a good day in terms of penalty kicking and overall had an off day. Our tactical kicking really held us back."

BG will prepare for the Midwest Division I Premier League Playoffs and at this point they are still unsure if they will play at home or away.

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ANSWERS



SOCCER

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ter back Thomas McLean. "We didn't create enough chances, but we have two more games to play and we want to win them."

The Falcons will rue the fact that they were out-worked on the pitch in such an important game, something that is uncharacteristic of coach Eric Nichols' squad.

"I don't think we matched their intensity as much as we needed to get the result we wanted," Lawrence said. "It was a disappointing performance, but depending on what happens, we still have a chance to make the playoffs. We just couldn't string it together enough to make chances."

Nichols hopes that his squad finishes the season on a positive note, after such a disappointing loss.

"I'm not 100 percent sure that NIU is necessarily a better team than us," Nichols said. "But they are better at winning



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NO DICE: Senior Jacob Lawrence (left) had been scoring fairly regularly of late, but he was held scoreless against Northern Illinois.

than us."

Nichols was happy that his team never gave up on the game, outshooting NIU in the second half 9-6, especially the effort of his two senior co-captains.

"I am proud of the effort of a few guys, especially Jacob [Lawrence] and Hunter [Van Houten], they were inspiring with their per-

formance and effort, they never quit," Nichols said.

As for the Falcons' remaining games, Nichols will make sure his team is up to the challenge.

"We have two games left, they are very important to us," Nichols said. "We will treat every game like it's a championship game."

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In each of the first two sets, the score was tied at 14 apiece, and then at one point, the Falcons led at 15-10 in the third set, but Akron finished off each set extremely hard.

"Akron played us very well and we didn't respond to their pressure," Van De Walle said. "They looked crisp and made very few



Noelle Spitler

Had a career week-end against Buffalo and Ball State

errors on the night at all.

"We couldn't stop their outside hitters. Our blocking wasn't as good as it can be and defensively we didn't match up. I really thought they played exceptional."

Kauth led BG with 12 kills and Domek and Spitler added nine each. Domek had 15 digs and Allison Kearney had 35 assists.

Overall, Van De Walle gives credit to everyone.

"My entire staff was instrumental in the win," she said. "Mark [Hardaway], Rob [Frost], Tom [Teeters] and Dale [Hartzel] were very helpful from the bench. I credit them with a lot of what we were doing. It was a total team effort from top to bottom."

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